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C O N F I D E N T I A L ABU DHABI 2048
E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS : PGOV, TC
SUBJECT : OTAIBA VISIT TO USA

1. UAE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM OTAIBA WOULD LIKE ONCE MORE TO LAY ON VISIT TO WASHINGTON. HE EXPECTS TO BE IN JAPAN OCTOBER 26-31 AND THEN HAS SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT IN PARIS NOVEMBER 5. THIS WOULD GIVE HIM FOUR DAYS APPROXIMATELY NOVEMBER 1-4 TO SPEND IN WASHINGTON AND PERHAPS OTHER US CITIES IF TIME PERMITS. HE AGAIN HOPES IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO HAVE MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER. HE HOPES ALSO THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO PUT OTHER MEETINGS THAT HAD BEEN ARRANGED FOR HIM PREVIOUSLY BACK ON TRACKS. HE WOULD LIKE IN ADDITION TO HAVE SOME MEETINGS WITH SELECTED SENATORS AND CONGRESS-MEN WHO ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED WITH ENERGY MATTERS.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER DATES PROPOSED WOULD BE CONVENIENT FOR OTAIBA VISIT TO WASHINGTON. I SHOULD LET HIM KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AS I HAVE MADE CLEAR IN PREVIOUS MESSAGES ON THIS SUBJECT, OTAIBA IS ONE OF TWOOR THREE OFFICIALS HERE WHO COUNT. HE WILL BE BEAR-ING SOME KIND OF MESSAGE FROM SHAIKH ZAYID, AND WHILE WE CAN ASSUME THIS WILL NOT BE OF WORLD-SHAKING IMPORTANCE, IT WILL NO DOUBT BE FRIENDLY AND SUPPORTIVE OF OUR EFFORTS IN MIDDLE EAST. I BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE THAT MESSAGE BE CONVEYED TO SECRETARY, ESPECIALLY AS SECRETARY HAS HAD NO PRIVATE CONTACT WITH ANY UAE OFFICIAL SINCE HE TOOK OFFICE. STRONGLY RECOMMEND, THEREFORE, THAT SECRETARY AGREE TO SEE OTAIBA SOMETIME DURING PROPOSED DATES.
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